



## Workshop Advisory

### Statistical Capacity Building Program, Phase 5

#### Theme: Food Balance Sheets Workshop, Nairobi, Kenya

This workshop forms an integral part of the fifth phase of the Multi country Statistical Capacity Building Program (SCB-5) and aims to contribute to improving the capacity to compile Food Balance Sheets in Member countries.

Food Balance Sheets (FBS) statistics are critical for assessing a country's food security situation and, more broadly, for assessing the general strength of a country's entire food and agriculture sector. In fact, they help to understand the state of supply and use of each food commodity within a given country, track progress against established development goals and inform the decision makers.

Food Balance Sheets are essential in the derivation of (i) food production self-sufficiency and food imports dependency ratios, and (ii) the Food Loss Index (FLI), which is another important SDG indicator (SDG Target 12.3, which seeks to halve per capita global food waste at retail and consumer levels, and to reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses). All these statistics are of crucial importance for decision-makers, particularly in the agricultural sector.

In the framework of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Improving Agricultural and Rural Statistics, new guidelines on Food Balance Sheets compilation have been prepared, with intention to provide countries with user-friendly handbook that can aid in the construction of country-level Food Balance Sheets for policy analysis. Apart from these guidelines, a new prototype of compilation Tool has been developed to be adapted to each country context and specificities.

More than 70 national and regional agricultural statisticians from 37 countries in Africa will participate in the in-person workshop to be held in Nairobi. The workshop will comprise expert training sessions on methodological issues related to the FBS, peer-to-peer learning sessions on the FBS and regional perspectives by RECs. Also in attendance will be the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), a COMESA partner.

**When:** Monday, 24 October to Friday, 28 October 2022, 9am – 5.00pm each day

**Where:** Hilton Hotel, Nairobi **and** online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUld-6grDMtG93wWfeKAYS0rsnfVBo97eLf>

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